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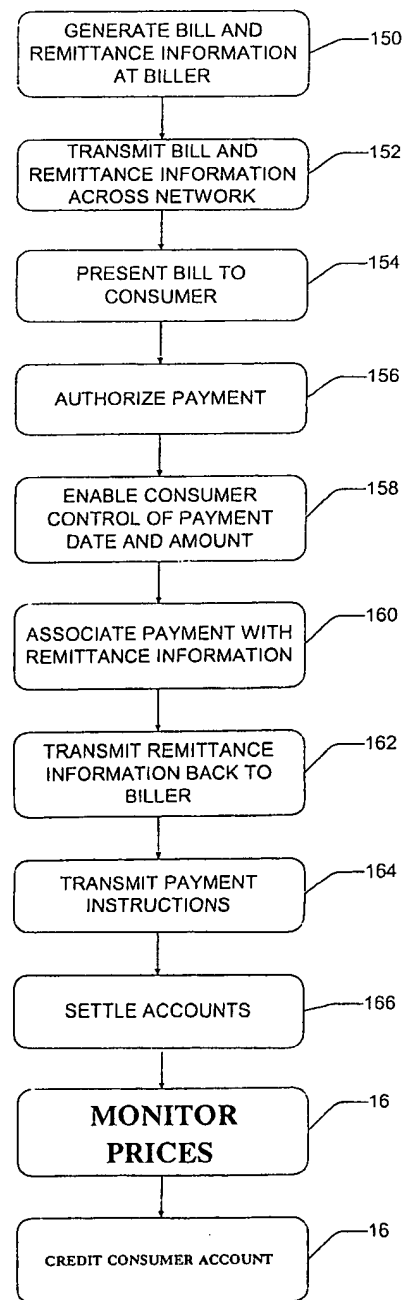


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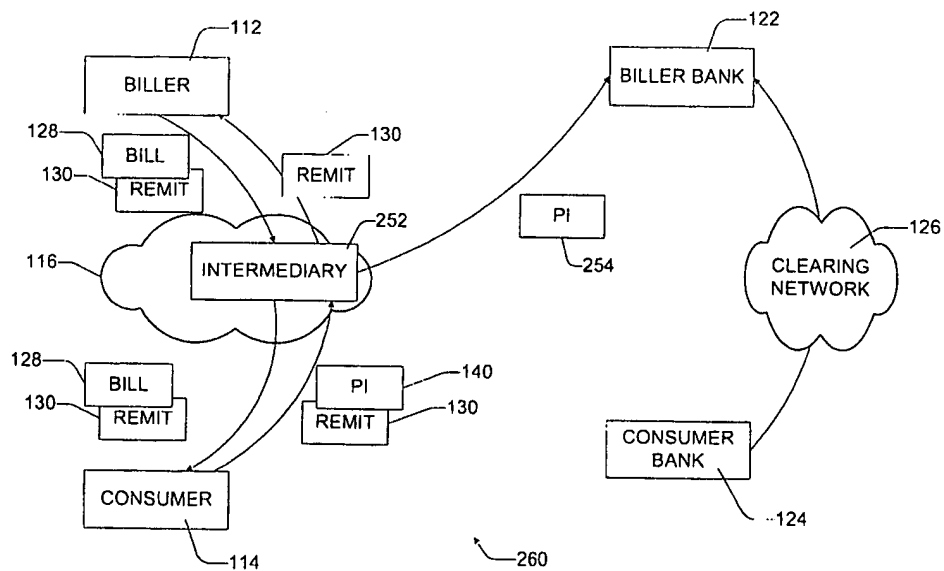


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Fig. 8

BUSINESS SYSTEM

means for recording the first price and information identifying the consumer,

means for monitoring the sales price of the item for a predetermined time period after the first transaction,

means for noting any price lower than the first price for the item during the predetermined time period,

means for calculating a money-value difference between the first price and said any price lower than the first price, and

means for refunding to the consumer an amount equal to the money-value difference

a host system that includes the means for recording, means for monitoring, means for noting, and means for
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means for duplicating for the consumer any incentive accompanying sales of the item after the first transaction during the predetermined time period
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means for determining a pertinent geographic area for the first transaction and for limiting the monitoring step to sales prices available within the pertinent geographic area
OPTIONAL

means for providing a warranty to the consumer
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Fig. 9

BUSINESS SYSTEM

means for guaranteeing a consumer a best price on an item purchased from the vendor in a first transaction at a first price

means for recording the first price and information identifying the consumer

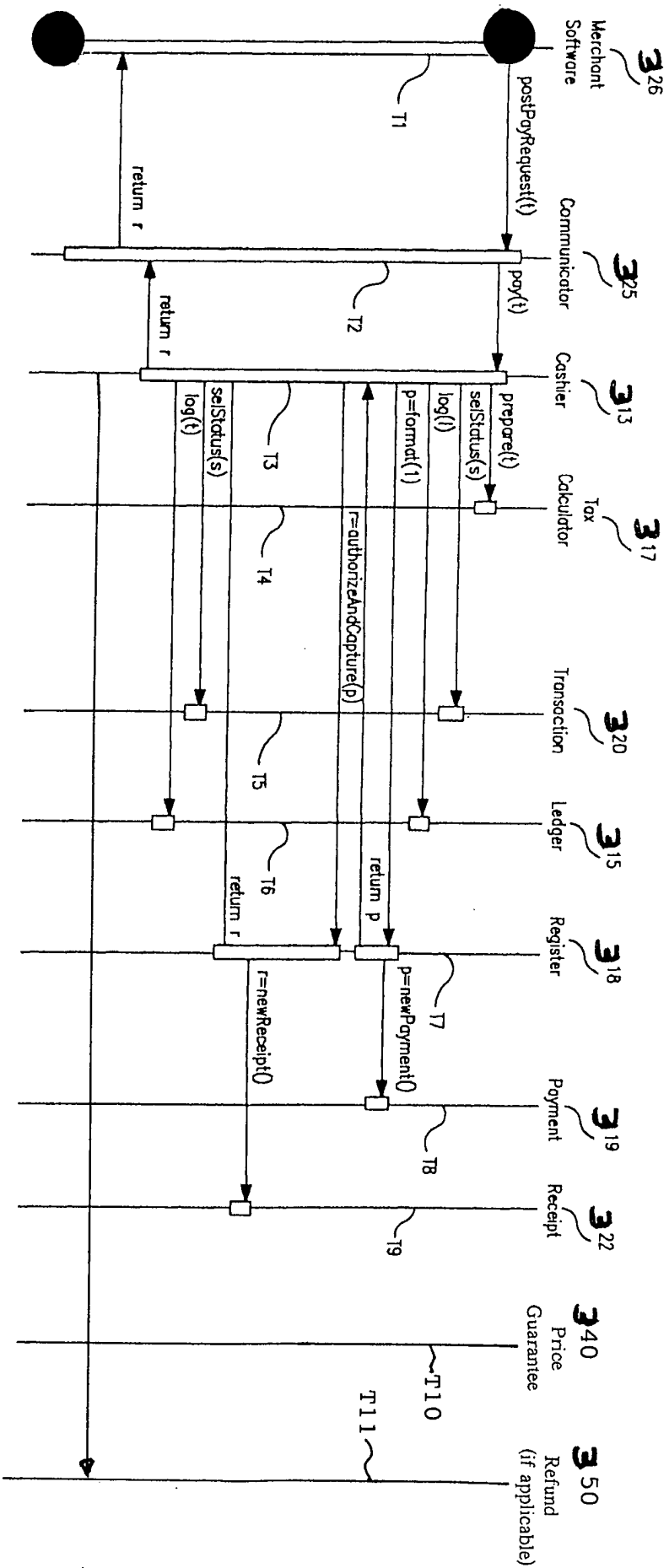
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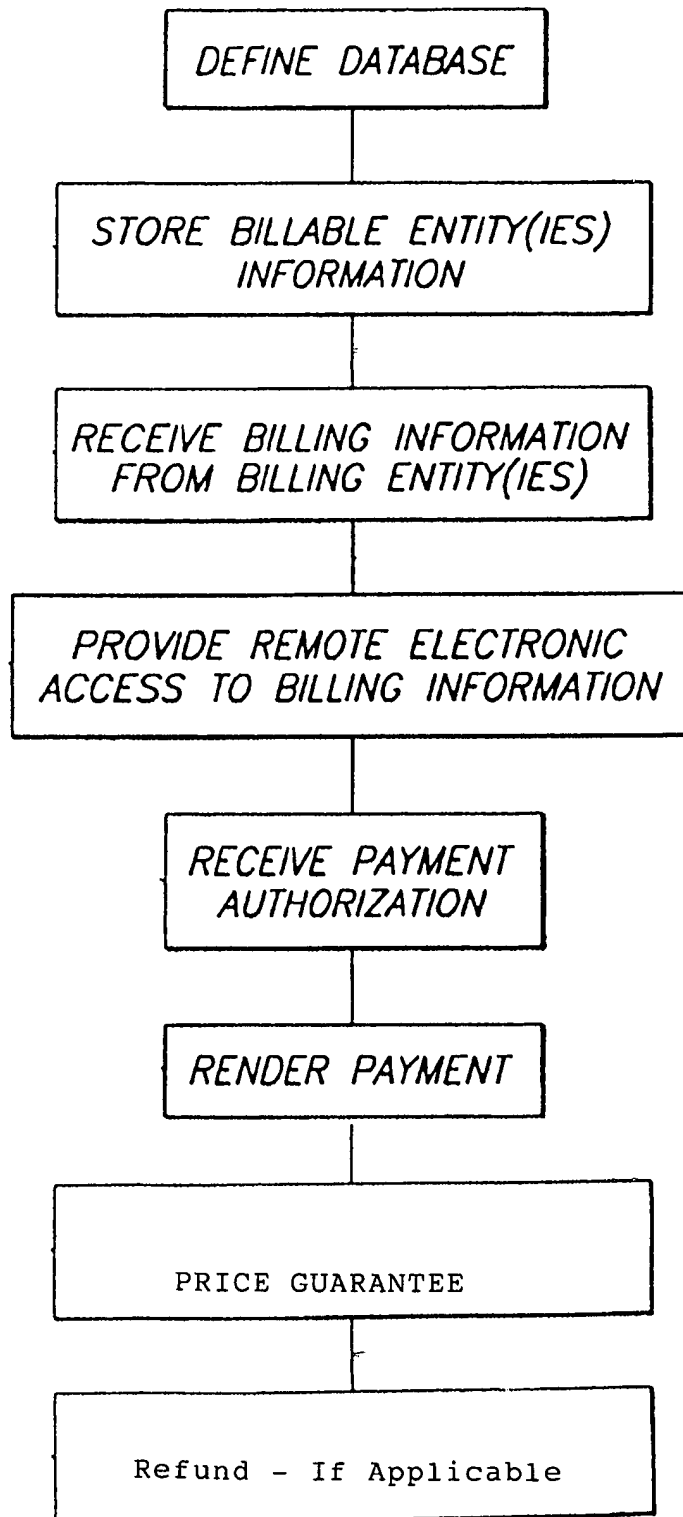
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Interaction Diagram of the Processing of a Payment Request

Fig. 10

Fig. 11



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